

# Southern Eagle Squadron

## Southern Eagles Squadron Meeting Minutes November 19, 2015 Leesburg Community Center

The meeting was called to order by President Mickey Murphy at 7:00 PM

A quorum was met with 21 members including new member Robert Molnar present.

- Minutes of the last meeting were approved as presented.
- The Treasurers report was given by Treasurer Jerry Rudnitsky.
- Membership - Ralph Savino reported SES has 183 paid members YTD 2015. Ralph mentioned that members must renew their AMA membership before January 1, 2016 in order to keep their insurance from lapsing. Also members must renew their SES Club membership to keep their flying privileges.
- Field Safety - Ed Popp & Pratt Carter reported no major issues at the field. However, Ed reminded us that flying 3D maneuvers over the runways is not permitted.
- Mowing:
  - Carl Angleberger reported some mower problems. Tom Gagish has been working hard to keep the mowers in running condition. However, mower # 1 has more problems with frame weakness (it has been welded several time already). This Snapper mower is about 10 years old and needs to be replaced with something more reliable. Carl's research indicates that a commercial grade mower would be better than the residential type of mover like we now have. Carl has a bid from the local dealer whom the Club has been doing business with. A motion was made and approved to authorize Carl to purchase the new mower. The approximate cost is \$3800.
  - The Mowing Schedule has been changed. Some long time mowing team members have retired and Carl has moved some members around and some new members have volunteered to join the team. The new schedule is posted on the bulletin board at the field and is posted on the SES website.  
[www.southerneaglesquadron.com](http://www.southerneaglesquadron.com). Thanks to Carl Angleberger for all of his attention to detail in keeping the field looking good and in keeping the equipment functional.
- Nomination of Officers - The nominating committee worked hard, but finding new candidates to accept nomination for office was very difficult. The slate of candidates are as follows; President, Norm Paddock; Vice President, Jim Soltysiak; Secretary, Wayne Roethler; Treasurer, Jerry Rudnitsky; Membership Committee, Ralph Savino; Field Maintenance Committee, Mickey Murphyl; and Mowing, Carl Angleberger. NOTE - nominations from the floor at the December meeting is encouraged.
- Picnic – The picnic held Saturday November 14th was a success. About 100 total hotdogs/hamburgers were served. The left over buns were donated to a Food Bank in Wildwood. Thanks to the ladies who worked hard to cook and serve.

- Meeting attendance - Since meeting attendance has been low, it was decided to try to encourage attendance of the December 17th meeting by offering a free raffle of 10 items from Noelle's Hobbies. Some will be \$10 gift certificates. Mark your calendar now. Since election of officers will be held at this meeting. A quorum is necessary.
- New Business - The idea of applying for Tax Exempt status for the Club was briefly discussed, but the idea was dropped after it was discovered that the Club would have a hard time meeting Florida requirements.
- FPV - This topic was discussed and concern has been raised about whether members using this new technology need to have a HAM radio operator's license to legally operate the downlink radio. Those members who use this equipment are encouraged to discuss the issue with Mickey, Carl Angleberger or Norm. This may be an FCC issue that could impact the use of the flying field.
- The 50/50 drawing was won by Mickey Murphy
- The next SES meeting will be held December 17, 2015

The meeting was adjourned at 7:55pm

Respectfully submitted by Wayne Roethler, Secretary